

**LUMPKIN COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

AGENDA

Dahlonega City Hall
465 Riley Road
Dahlonega, Georgia
April 20, 2006
9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch

II. INVOCATION

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- March 16, 2006 Regular Meeting
- April 13, 2006 Special Called Meeting

V. PRESENTATION

- StormReady - National Weather Service Program
- Proclamation – National County Government Week
- Employee Awards

VI. REPORTS

- Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners Office
- Elected Officials

VII. RESOLUTIONS

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Lumpkin County Civil Service System Amendment
- **2006-25**
Lumpkin County Transit System Fitness for Duty Policy Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- **2606-26**
Safety Policy Statement
- **2006-27**
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- Appalachian Drug Task Force – Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement
- U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Chattahoochee National Forest and Lumpkin County Sheriff's Department – Cooperative Agreement
- Peach State Ambulance Bid

IX. OTHER ITEMS

- Senior Center – Increase Fees
- Rainbow Children's Home
- Fire Station No. 4 - Chesterra

X. COMMENTS

- COUNTY MANAGER
- CHAIRMAN
- COMMISSIONERS
- COUNTY ATTORNEY
- PUBLIC

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future Board Meetings:

- Board Special Work Session – Courthouse
- Board Work Session – City Hall
- Board Meeting – City Hall

May 02, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

May 04, 2006 at 9:00 a.m.

May 18, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE LUMPKIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 20, 2006

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gooch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners present were Stephen Gooch, John Raber, Deborah Hutcheson, Clarence Stowers and Marvin Martin.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Marvin Martin opened the meeting with a prayer. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved following an amendment moving the 2005 Employee Awards forward on the agenda.

***Motion:** The motion to accept the amended agenda was made by Commissioner Stowers. Deborah Hutcheson seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

EMPLOYEE PRESENTATION

County Manager, Stan Kelley, presented 2005 Employee Awards to several outstanding employees of Lumpkin County. The award winners and nominees were recommended by their respective departments who included a description of why they considered these to be outstanding employees. County Manager Kelley commented that he has worked with Lumpkin County for thirteen years but sees more now in his present position. He commented on how each departments' employees give so much of themselves. The County Manager decided to recognize not just the winner but also the nominees. The awards were presented as follows although the order was not predetermined.

- Shane Black, Fire-EMS Fire Officer of the Year 2005
- William Martin, Fire-EMS Employee of the Year 2005
- Henry Grizzle, Employee of the Year 2005
- Sheila Pace, 911 Employee of the Year 2005
- Susan O'Brien, Nomination of Employee of the Year 2005
- Donald Garrett, Nomination of Employee of the Year 2005
- Cindy Foley, Nomination of Employee of the Year 2005
- Frances French, Nomination of Employee of the Year 2005

Stan Kelley said that the best part of his job is getting to work with the people that he works with. He stated that he appreciates the sacrifice that they make and the job that each does. Chairman Gooch said that the board echoes the sentiment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***Motion:** Commissioner Hutcheson moved that the March 16, 2006 Regular Meeting Minutes be accepted following correction of the spelling of Don Trice's name. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted to approve with the correction. Motion carried.*

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve the April 13, 2006 Special Called Meeting Minutes after correcting the error in Commissioner Stowers' name. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion and all district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

PRESENTATIONS

StormReady®

Lumpkin County was recognized by the National Weather Service as the 52nd Georgia county to be accepted as StormReady®. Barry Gooden, National Weather Service and Dan Yeargin, GEMA opened the presentation. Mr. Yeargin stated that several criteria must be met with interacting with their supporting NWS office being the most important of these. He said that he has known Emergency Services Director, Don Seabolt for many years and that Don has always partnered extremely well with them. Lans Rothfusz made the actual presentation, unveiling a road sign to be posted, which designates that Lumpkin County has earned the right to be called StormReady®. This is a three-year award. They will then review the County's storm readiness in light of the latest technology. Chairman Gooch said this designation means a lot to the county as many in the county have experienced bad storms. Chairman Gooch commented that Commissioner Martin and Don Seabolt were among the first to arrive on the scene at the site of the November 22, 1992 tornado that hit R-Ranch and caused considerable damage to Lumpkin County. He stated the Board appreciated all that EMS, the Sheriff's Department, and the Fire Department do to keep us safe.

Proclamation – National County Government Week – April 23 – 29

Chairman Gooch read the Proclamation praising county employees and designating April 23 – 29 as National County Government Week. Commissioner Hutcheson said that she had asked if a copy of the proclamation could be included with all the county paychecks this week.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve the designation, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

REPORTS

Department reports are on file in the Board of Commissioners' Office

There were no reports given by elected officials.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2006-24

Chairman Gooch read a resolution amending the Lumpkin County Civil Service System to revise the appeals process.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Martin and seconded by Commissioner Raber to accept this resolution. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-25

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to provide for the Lumpkin County Transit System Fitness for Duty Policy Drug and Alcohol Testing Program. The program and standards as set out in the Lumpkin County Transit System Fitness for Duty Policy Drug and Alcohol Testing Program shall be the policy and standards of the governing authority of Lumpkin County, and shall be implemented in all transit and other activities as defined therein which are operated by, or under the supervision of, Lumpkin County.

Motion: A motion was made by Commissioner Raber and seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-26

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to adopt the Lumpkin County Safety Policy Statement. The governing authority desires to set out its policy on setting a goal of safety consciousness.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve this resolution, which was seconded by Commissioner Martin. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2006-27

Chairman Gooch read a resolution to provide for an increase in per diem compensation for the Lumpkin County Board of Tax Assessors. The per diem compensation of the Chairman shall be increased to \$100.00 per day on which an official meeting is called, or for which the Board is convened for official purposes. This will become effective January 1, 2007.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion to approve, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

CONTRACTS

Medtronic – Technical Service Support Agreement for Emergency Services

On site repair and 1 on site inspection per year for Battery Support System 2 and 3 LIFPAK® 12.

Term: 4/15/2006 – 4/14/2007

Amount: \$3,115.00

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson made a motion to approve this contract, which was seconded by Commissioner Stowers. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

Dahlonge Realty – Lease for Drug Court Office

Renewal of Lease Agreement for Enotah Judicial Circuit Drug Treatment Court office space.

Term: 3/15/2006 – 3/14/2007

Amount: \$700.00 per month plus \$15.00 per month waste removal fee

Sheriff McClure pointed out that Hope Kent has moved her private business away from the site so that there would be no conflict.

Motion: A motion was made to approve by Commission Stowers and seconded by Commissioner Raber. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

Department of Transportation - Captain McDonald Road

Captain McDonald Road has been authorized by the D.O.T. for a county contract with Lumpkin County and execution of this right of way document is required before a contract can be prepared. D.O.T. has authorized a \$60,000 contract for the new Yahoola Creek Park entrance. This amount is only half of what is needed for the new entrance. The remainder will be paid from the general fund.

Motion: Commissioner Hutcheson moved to approve which Clarence Stowers seconded. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

North Georgia Waste Management. Authority – Vehicle Lease

The NGWMA agrees to lease to Lumpkin County a 2005 Ford F750 truck at a cost of \$1.00 per year. This agreement will remain in effect for a period of one year, automatically renewing on March 27 of every year unless the NGWMA gives 60 days notice of cancellation of the agreement to Lumpkin County.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion to accept this contract. Commissioner Raber seconded and all district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

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Daniel Raines d/b/a Raines Grading & Hauling - Contract for Improvements to Rocktree Road

Contractor shall furnish all necessary labor, material and equipment for the listed improvements to Rocktree Road.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers moved to accept this contract with Commissioner Hutcheson seconding. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

Appalachian Drug Task Force – Intergovernmental and Interagency Agreement

In a concerted effort to rid their respective jurisdictions of the use and influence of illicit drugs and in an attempt to reduce the incidence of violent crime, the governing bodies of White, Lumpkin, Union and Towns Counties have each authorized the joint submission of an application for funding under the 2006 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Formula Program.

Lumpkin County Share: \$39,934.00

Sheriff Mark McClure stated that this contract is \$9,000.00 higher than the current contract. Commissioner Hutcheson asked for clarification on how the additional \$9,000.00 needed from the county will affect the budget. The Sheriff said this is still a good deal for the County because, although the contract now costs the County \$39,000 that the county obtains \$100,000.00 in value from it. Chairman Gooch explained that the \$9,000.00 will have to come out of the Sheriff's current budget but that next year's budget will reflect the increase. The Sheriff explained that the Task Force refunds the entire amount of the two deputies' salaries that are with the Task Force. The Task Force also pays for their cars, insurance, repairs, fuel, weapons and other materials for those two employees. Chairman Gooch commented on how much publicity the Sheriff's Department is getting with all the drug busts.

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve which Commissioner Raber seconded. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Chattahoochee National Forest and Lumpkin County Sheriff's Department

This agreement is for patrolling the Chattahoochee National Forest for a period beginning May 26, 2006 and ending September 30, 2006, with a tentative patrol schedule of 18 days.

***Motion:** Commissioner Raber moved to accept this contract. Commissioner Stowers seconded and all district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

Peach State Ambulance Contract

This contract is for a Wheeled Coach medium duty International 4300 SBA LP Ambulance.

Amount: \$145,000.00

***Motion:** Commissioner Stowers made a motion to approve which Commissioner Hutcheson seconded. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

OTHER ITEMS

Senior Center – Facility Use Form

Senior Center Director Rhonda Bailey asked the Board to approve a change in facility use of the Senior Center. Ms. Bailey explained her concern about damage that has occurred to the building when after hours activities have been allowed by private groups.

***Motion:** Commissioner Martin made a motion to approve the increase in fees and restriction on private groups using the facility. Commissioner Raber seconded this motion. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.*

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Rainbow Children's Home

On behalf of the Rainbow Children's Home Ms. Connie Head requested a lease exchange of the currently leased county property for property on Mechanicsville Road. Rainbow Children's Home has requested a 99-year lease on the new location. Chairman Gooch suggested that the County Attorney work on a new lease agreement.

Motion: Commissioner Stowers made a motion approving the Board of Commissioners' intent to lease property to Rainbow Children's Home. Commissioner Hutcheson seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

Fire Station No. 4 – Chesterra

County Manager Kelley reported on the bidding process and stated that the County had gotten some good bids. However, there were no bids on interior work or the metal frame of the building. He is requesting of the Board that they waive the requirement for rebids. He wants permission from the Board to accept quotes for the two remaining areas. He also wants the Project Manager to submit a quote on the metal building so that there is some basis to determine if the incoming bids are reasonable. County Attorney Horne said that a contract could be negotiated in this situation. The vote was delayed due to questions and discussion. Following all discussion it was determined to limit renewed quotes to interior and metal building only. Bid bonds will be returned to all but the winning bidders in the just closed process. Chairman Gooch asked the County Manager, County Attorney and Public Works Director to work with Commissioner Martin and bring back three or more quotes to the Board of Commissioners.

Motion: Commissioner Raber made a motion that the County be allowed to get three or more quotes and bring these to Commissioner Martin to open. Commissioner Stowers seconded the motion. All district commissioners voted to approve. Motion carried.

COMMENTS

COUNTY MANAGER

May 13 is "Free Day" at the Lumpkin County Transfer Station for which the County will pay \$500.00. Ribbon cutting for the Recycling Center is April 28 at 9 a.m. and E-cycling is April 29. Yahoola Trail opens April 29 at 10 a.m. The County Manager said that the next Town Hall Meeting date needed to be set. This was tentatively set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 9 at City Hall. Staff need not attend. Commissioners Stowers and Hutcheson suggested showing the tax video. The County Manager said there is a deadline to be met if the County is interested in joining the Upper Chattahoochee Basin Group ("UCBG"). Chairman Gooch said this should be discussed in a Work Session. Auditors have started their audit of the Yahoola Creek Reservoir Project and we may have a report from them by April 25. The County's annual audit will be completed by mid-May.

CHAIRMAN

An EPA, EPD, ACCG grant was awarded the County for a watershed study. One grant was to look at Yahoola Creek stream buffer alternatives.

COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Raber addressed Representative Amos Amerson regarding meeting with EPD Director Carol Couch. Commission Raber said a date had not yet been set for a meeting, but he felt Dr. Couch would like to meet with the Board without Consultant Harold Reheis present. Commissioner Raber said again it is time to have one Water and Sewerage Authority whether it is City or County. He said that in his opinion the Lumpkin County Water and Sewerage Authority would never make money. He is concerned about the most recent \$300,000.00 shortfall.

PUBLIC – Don Head asked about the status of appointees to Boards & Commissions. Chairman Gooch explained that the delay is that he has not received all of the names. Public Works Director Trammell stated

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that the letting process for Department of Transportation begins tomorrow. Citizen Emily Lewy, of the Lumpkin County Homeowners Association, stated that she is concerned that infrastructure needs be paid out of the upcoming Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax and not through regular taxes. She also stated that she feels that the amount of money discussed in the SPLOST meeting was not enough for water needs.


ADJOURN

Chairman Gooch asked for a motion to adjourn at 10:28 a.m.

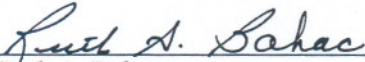
Motion

John Raber made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Clarence Stowers and approved by all district commissioners present. Motion carried.

5-18-2006
Date


Stephen W. Gooch, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Ruth A. Bohac
Clerk, Lumpkin County